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Directorate General of Mines Safety



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To

All Owners/Agents/ Managers of Coal and Metalliferous Mines, Superintendents of mines rescue stations and Incharges of mines rescue rooms.

Subject: Permission under Rule 37 and Rule 11(4) of Mines Rescue Rules, 1985 to maintain breathing apparatus of different type and make in rescue stations and rescue rooms.

Rule 11 (4) of the Mines Rescue Rules, 1985 stipulates maintaining of self contained breathing apparatus in the rescue stations and the ones in rescue rooms to be of same type and make. Due to entry of new manufacturers and importers of breathing apparatus in the domestic market and continuous technical advancement of the equipment, it is observed that compliance of the above rule at times becomes impracticable. Considering the requests from users for exemption from compliance of the above rule, specific permissions under Rule 37 of the aforesaid rules are being granted to various rescue stations.

As the practice of maintaining breathing apparatus of different type and make in rescue stations and rescue rooms appears to continue by seeking permission from this Directorate, it is decided to issue this general order permitting maintenance of breathing apparatus of different type and make in rescue stations and rescue rooms subject to strict compliance of the following conditions:

- (i) In case of rescue stations and rescue rooms maintaining more than one type and/or make of breathing apparatus, the rescue superintendent shall ensure that:
 - (a) all the instructors, rescue brigade members and rescue room attendants are fully acquainted with the use, maintenance and testing of all types and makes of breathing apparatus;
 - (b) all the rescue trained persons are imparted of refresher practices with each type or make of breathing apparatus as prescribed in Schedule VII of the aforesaid rules; and
 - (c) the type/make of breathing apparatus used in each practice for all the rescue trained persons are mentioned in the training records.
- (ii) This exemption is being accorded without prejudice to any other statute which may be or may become applicable at any time.


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